

HB 7028

To the members of the Judiciary Committee.

I would lie to go on record to voice my complete opposition to HB 7028, specifically the end statement. "Such holder shall present his or her permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer for the purposes of verification of the validity of the permit or identification of the holder." To detain a person as a suspect without any evidence of a crime would be in violation of a person's 4th amendment rights. It would appear that Connecticut is attempting to once again discriminate against firearms owners and the 2nd Amendment in making it a crime to refuse to identify themselves to a police officer.

It is illegal for a police officer to pursue an investigation on a citizen of CT only because the officer observes that citizen carrying a firearm. As per the Board of Firearm Permit Examiners, the legal act of carrying a firearm does not lend itself to reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

It appears that the intent of this law is that any honest law abiding citizen could be detained, at any time, and forced to identify themselves without due cause.

Section 24, subsection (b) of section 29-35 shows that the state would be open for legal action by anyone who is detained illegally and forced to identify themselves. This proposed piece of legislation is unconstitutional, reckless and could potentially be a costly mistake by a state already in financial trouble.

Again, I am in complete opposition to this proposed bill.

Thank you,

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